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I am writing in opposition to increasing taxes yet again for Oregonians. As a hard working mother of two teenagers, I am walking testimony that Oregon is expensive enough already. Higher gas prices, higher home prices, higher food prices all mean less money in my pocket to help my kids fulfill their dreams of trade school and college. It also means less money in my pocket to save for a rainy day, increase my retirement investment, or buy my kids cars that are safe and reliable. The proposed increase in gas tax, titling, registrations is highway robbery and completely unnecessary. When I don't have enough money for a project or even a necessity, I stop spending on things I do not need, save money, and then make a logical purchase. I would expect government to do the same. If you don't have enough money for ODOT, stop spending money elsewhere. All the money to homeless causes, only for homelessness to worsen. All the money to schools only for Oregon to be ranked 45th in student performance. Where is the accountability? When do lawmakers say enough is enough and fix the cause instead of continuously applying band-aids and performing the same failures over and over? ODOT can be saved. It's worth saving but not at the expense of Oregonians who already pay some of the highest taxes in the country and face some of the highest costs of housing in the country. When the governor says the Trump administration's tariffs are going to be too much for Oregonians to bear, but then turns around and proposes yet more taxes, it flies in the face of hypocrisy. The tariffs are already eating into our pockets, don't make the situation worse by increasing taxes here at home. Tax upon tax upon tax while our quality of life decreases. That is becoming the Oregon way.